

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-~~readable~~storage medium having computer-executable instructions for ~~performing steps for~~ configuring wireless devices for forming an ad hoc peer to peer wireless network, comprising:

prompting a user, through a user interface of an initiating computer, to create peer to peer network settings for the ad hoc peer to peer wireless network;

collecting peer to peer network settings for the ad hoc peer to peer wireless network;

generating an Extensible Markup Language (XML) file including the peer to peer network settings for the ad hoc peer to peer wireless network;

writing the XML file to a portable media device connected to the initiating computer;
and

instructing the user, through the user interface, to remove the portable media device from the initiating computer and to connect the portable media device to a peer computing device for configuring the peer computing device for joining the ad hoc peer to peer wireless network.

2. (Currently Amended) A computer-~~readable~~storage medium as in claim 1, wherein the step of collecting peer to peer network settings includes generating, by the initiating computer, default values for selected peer to peer network settings.

3. (Currently Amended) A computer-~~readable~~storage medium as in claim 2, wherein the step of generating default values includes invoking an application program interface (API) of an operating system of the initiating computer to generate the default values for the selected peer to peer network settings.

4. (Currently Amended) A computer-~~readable~~storage medium as in claim 2, wherein the step of collecting peer to peer network settings includes generating a security key for the ad hoc peer to peer wireless network.

5. (Currently Amended) A computer-~~readable~~storage medium as in claim 1, wherein the step collecting peer to peer network settings includes receiving peer to peer network setting data entered by the user.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer-~~readable~~storage medium as in claim 1, wherein the portable media device is a universal serial bus (USB) flash drive.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer-~~readable~~storage medium as in claim 1, wherein the portable media device is a flash memory card.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer-~~readable~~storage medium as in claim 1, having further computer-executable instructions for performing steps of:
detecting reconnection of the portable media device to the initiating computer; and
retrieving by the initiating computer configuration data written by the peer computing device into the portable media device in connection with configuring the peer computing device for joining the ad hoc peer to peer wireless network.

9. (Currently Amended) A portable media device for provisioning a computing device with peer to peer network settings, the portable media device having stored thereon data comprising:

an XML file containing peer to peer network settings for setting up the computing device to join an ad hoc peer to peer wireless network when the portable media device is connected to the computing device.

10. (Currently Amended) A portable media device as in claim 9, wherein the data stored on the portable media device further include an autorun file for prompting the computing device to automatically apply the peer to peer network settings configuration.

11. (Original) A portable media device as in claim 9, wherein the portable media device is a universal serial bus (USB) flash drive.

12. (Original) A portable media device as in claim 9, where the portable media device is a flash memory card.

13. (Currently Amended) A portable media device as in claim 9, wherein the peer to peer network settings include a peer to peer network name and a peer to peer network security key for the ad hoc peer to peer wireless network.

14. (Currently Amended) A portable media device as in claim 9, further comprising a peer to peer network configuration application to be executed for configuring the computing device when the portable media device is connected to the computing device.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of provisioning a wireless computing device with peer to peer network settings for joining an ad hoc peer to peer wireless network, comprising:

determining peer to peer network settings for the ad hoc peer to peer wireless network, the peer to peer network settings including a peer to peer network name and a peer to peer network security key for the ad hoc peer to peer wireless network;

generating an Extensible Markup Language (XML) file including the peer to peer network settings for the ad hoc peer to peer wireless network; and

writing the XML file to a portable media device, wherein the steps of determining, generating, and writing are performed on an initiating computer of the ad hoc peer to peer wireless network.

16. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 15, further including the steps of: connecting the portable media device to the computing device to be provisioned; and executing a configuration program on the computing device to automatically configure the computing device using the peer to peer network settings in the XML file on the portable media device.

17. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim [15]16, wherein the step of determining includes generating by the initiating computer a peer to peer network security key for the ad hoc peer to peer wireless network.

18. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim [15]17, wherein the step of determining includes prompting a user to enter a peer to peer network security key for the ad hoc peer to peer wireless network.

19. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim [15]18, wherein the step of determining includes invoking an application program interface (API) of an operating system of the initiating computer to provide the peer to peer network settings.

20. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim [15]19, wherein the portable media device is a universal serial bus (USB) flash drive.

21. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim [15]19, wherein the portable media device is a flash memory card.

22. (Currently Amended) A computer-~~readable~~storage medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps for configuring a computing device for joining an ad hoc peer to peer wireless network, comprising:

detecting installation of a portable media device on the computing device, the portable media device containing peer to peer network settings for the ad hoc peer to peer wireless network; and

automatically configuring the computing device for joining the ad hoc peer to peer wireless network using the network settings contained in the portable media device.

23. (Currently Amended) A computer-~~readable~~storage medium as in claim 22, wherein the step of automatically configuring includes recognizing that the portable media device contains peer to peer network settings, and invoking a configuration program to implement the peer to peer network settings in the computing device.

24. (Currently Amended) A computer-~~readable~~storage medium as in claim 22, having further computer-executable instructions for performing the step of writing network settings configured on the computing device into the portable media device.

25. (Currently Amended) A computer-~~readable~~storage medium as in claim 22, wherein the portable media device is a universal serial bus (USB) flash drive.

26. (Currently Amended) A computer-~~readable~~storage medium as in claim 22, wherein the portable media device is a flash memory card.

27. (Currently Amended) A method of configuring a computing device for joining an ad hoc peer to peer wireless network, comprising:
detecting installation of a portable media device on the computing device, the portable media device containing peer to peer network settings for the ad hoc peer to peer wireless network; and
automatically configuring the computing device for joining the ad hoc wireless peer to peer network using the network settings contained in the portable media device.

28. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 27, wherein the step of automatically configuring includes recognizing that the portable media device contains peer to peer network settings, and invoking a configuration program to implement the peer to peer network settings in the computing device.

29. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 27, further including the step of writing peer to peer network settings configured on the computing device into the portable media device.

30. (Original) A method as in claim 27, wherein the portable media device is a universal serial bus (USB) flash drive.

31. (Original) A method as in claim 27, wherein the portable media device is a flash memory card.